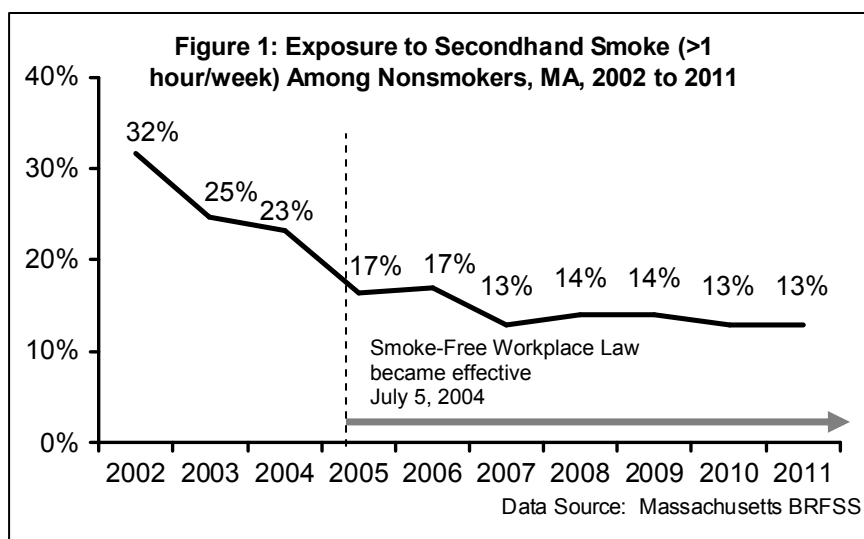


# Adults Exposed to Secondhand Smoke

## Massachusetts Fact Sheet

Exposure to secondhand smoke among adult nonsmokers declined in Massachusetts from 32% in 2002 to 13% in 2011 (figure 1). The Massachusetts Legislature enacted a comprehensive statewide smoking ban in workplaces, including restaurants and bars, in July 2004. Since enactment of the Smoke-Free Workplace Law, exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke has been reduced. However, nonsmokers continue to report exposure to secondhand smoke, especially at home and in private vehicles.

- 15% of nonsmoking men were exposed to secondhand smoke; 11% of women.
- 13% of whites, 17% of blacks, and 13% of Hispanics were exposed.
- 24% of young adult (18-24) nonsmokers were exposed, the highest of any age group.



Exposure to secondhand smoke is most prevalent among low socio-economic groups, people with no health insurance, people with disabilities, and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

